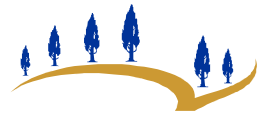


News *from the* City of Gardner



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September-October 2006

Sesquicentennial Celebration Taking Shape



The Sesquicentennial Committee wants to say 'Thank You' to everyone who helped make the July 4th Tailgate Party a huge success! This party was the kick-off to a year of celebration commemorating Gardner's 150th Anniversary. Some of the other events scheduled throughout the year include a New Year's Eve celebration, golf tournament, historical walk and tours,

family chuck wagon camp out at Gardner Lake and much more.

Sesquicentennial Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Saturday, September 9th, 2006 -

Gardner Golf Course. It's a four person scramble (bogey is your friend), with a 1:30 shotgun start. The cost is \$75 per player and includes: green fees w/cart-range balls, a beverages-skins game and a buffet dinner at the Gardner American Legion. To sign up, download a registration form at www.gardnerkansas.gov or contact Don Meyer: 856-8784 or Mike Lawver: 764-0693.



New Year's Celebration Dance

Plans are underway for a New Year's Celebration Dance at Trade Net on New Year's Eve! Admission will raise funds for the 150th and includes a live band, appetizers, cash bar and a bottle

of Champagne for each table. The price per person is \$50 or \$450 for a table of ten. Please consider including this fund raising effort in your traditional plans. The party starts at 9:00 p.m., leaving time for dinner out - and ends at 1:00 a.m.

Festival on the Trails

The weekend of September 14 and 15, 2007 will be the culmination of Gardner's 150th Anniversary. This event will feature a main stage with live music, fireworks, reenactments, food, art and other entertainment for the whole community in downtown Gardner. Make plans to attend.

Great Santa Fe Trail Horse Race

During the Festival on the Trails Weekend, the City is privileged to have the Great Santa Fe Horse Race come through Gardner. This is part of an 800 mile endurance ride, completed over 13 days that follows the Santa Fe Trail, beginning in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Gardner will be the site of one of the 13 Race Villages. They're coming! Check out their website for more information: www.sfthorserace.com.



150 Logo Merchandise Available

Good news! Residents have been asking where they can purchase 150 Logo Merchandise. Items can be seen and/or purchased at Gardner Pharmacy, Gardner Athletic Club, Integrity Communications, it'smyparty, Joe Oldham-State Farm, Price Chopper, Reece & Nichols O'Connor, Sunrise Soap, To Your Health Kansas, either of the First Kansas Bank locations and Datco. Additional items are also being considered by the Committee to offer for sale.

Watch the City's Website for the Sesquicentennial - 2007 Quick Link ... Coming Soon!

Did You Know?



The Department of Public Safety (DPS) provides 24-hour animal control protection. The City employs one full time Animal Control Officer (ACO) who responds to animal control calls for service and is available to answer questions regarding animal control problems. If you or someone you know has lost their pet, please check the City's website for animals the Department of Public Safety has picked up or for animals that are available for adoption at the Gardner Animal Hospital. Under Quick Links, click on Animal Control.

The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

The City Council just wrapped up its work on the 2007 Budget. Next year's budget is designed to meet the levels of service that you expect from the City of Gardner, while taking a look toward the future to ensure that growth in the community is paying its own way. As a part of the 2007 budget adoption, the City Council increased many of its development fees in order to pass the cost of the additional City infrastructure to developers, rather than to the current citizens and businesses of Gardner. Being mindful of growth and its impact has been an important consideration of our City Council for over ten years.

The 2007 budget reflects operations of the new community park and aquatics center that we, as voters of Gardner, approved in Summer 2005. The special sales tax pays for the construction of these facilities. The 2007 budget also provides four new personnel and additional seasonal employees to maintain and run programs for the new facilities. We look forward to cutting the ribbons with you at the new aquatics facility in May 2007 and the new Celebration Park in Fall 2007.

Also, in 2007, we will open a second Public Safety Station along 183rd to better service the public safety needs of the community. In addition, the City will be hiring three Public Safety Officers and one Sergeant to provide the necessary staffing for the station as well as street patrol. As the City grows, we will continue to ensure that response times for emergencies are consistent throughout the community, by strategically placing new stations. Design for a third station will begin in late 2007 for the northwest area of Gardner.

The Sesquicentennial Committee is also working hard to put plans in place for a year long celebration of the 150th anniversary of Gardner, with the main celebration - Festival on the Trails - being held September 14 and 15, 2007. The City will be assisting the Committee to make this a fun filled year of memories.

Sincerely,



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Parks and Recreation Project Updates

New Neighborhood Park Development

Gardner Parks and Recreation has purchased park ground for the next neighborhood park site scheduled for development in 2007. The property is located south of 167th and west of Waverly. This park will be located within the future Quail Meadows subdivision. Design for the park will be completed in 2006, with anticipation of development in 2007.

Tennis Court Lighting

With the tennis courts located at Cornerstone Park being removed to make room for the Aquatic Facility expansion, Gardner Parks and Recreation partnered with the School District to provide public tennis courts. The eight tennis courts located at Gardner Edgerton High School are now open to the public. Parks and Recreation installed a new lighting system that allows tennis to be played at night on all eight courts. The lights are available for use from sunset until 11 p.m. daily.

Westside Park Improvements

Efforts continue to improve existing facilities this spring. The athletic field lighting on fields 1 through 3 was replaced.

Celebration Park Development

Development of Celebration Park at 159th and Kill Creek Road began in August and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2007, in time to celebrate Gardner's 150 year anniversary.

Celebration Park, will become the largest park in the City of Gardner. The 83-acre community park will better serve existing programs and events as well as allow for the expected continued growth in participation in programs for traditional activities such as baseball, softball, soccer and football.

The property adjoins the 45-acre school site where currently a 2nd middle school is being developed. Being adjacent to the school will provide opportunities between the School District and Parks and Recreation in sharing common facilities and reducing development costs for tax payers.

This project is supported by the Park Sales Tax approved in June 2005.

Swimming pool construction begins!



Swimming Pool Expansion and Renovations

In 2004 Gardner Parks and Recreation completed a study to identify the possibility of expanding and renovating the existing swimming pool located in Cornerstone Park. The approved concept provides a number of state of the art features. It includes a new zero depth entry, an active in water play area, lazy river, multiple water slides, floatable walk, climbing net, spray grounds, new tot pool, and new concession area with shelter.

The study proved that renovating and expanding the existing pool would save the taxpayers money in development by expanding vs. developing a new aquatics facility in another location. This expansion will also keep the swimming pool in the downtown area and centrally located in the community. As a part of the new plan, the City acquired land north of the pool, which will accommodate the expansion that will allow for close to 1,200 swimmers.

Development of the aquatics facility started in July. Construction is scheduled to be completed in May of 2007 with a grand opening anticipated on Memorial Day weekend.

This project is supported by the Park Sales Tax approved in June 2005.





Recreational Activities

Register online at www.gardnerkansas.gov or mail registration form to City Hall, 120 E. Main. (913) 856-0936

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Youth Flag Football

Sign up for Flag Football and you'll not only learn the game, you'll love it! Flag Football is open to all kids grades 1 thru 8, and is a blast for everyone! Practices will begin in mid-September with games beginning in late September to early October. Games are generally played on Saturday mornings and one night during the week.

Grades: 1 thru 8

Fee: \$45.00

Location: Westside Sports Complex

Registration Deadline: September 8th.

Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department for a NFL Flag registration form.

Late registration will be accepted to fill teams only, and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.

New and returning coaches must submit a 2006 Coaching Application.



Youth Cheerleading

Come cheer your Gardner Parks and Recreation Department flag football team to victory!

Participants will attend training sessions taught by the high school cheerleaders learning chants and cheers. Uniforms will be provided, and may be kept by participants at the end of the season. Games are played on Saturday mornings and possibly one night during the week. Participants will arrive 30 minutes prior to game time to meet for warm up and preparation.

Ages: Grades K-6

Fee: \$45 (\$25 for returning cheerleaders who still have their uniforms from last year.)

Location: Westside Sports Complex

Registration Deadline: September 8th.

See registration form on back.

New and returning squad leaders must submit a 2006 Application. Applications are available at City Hall.



Youth Volleyball

The Gardner Parks & Recreation Youth Volleyball League is open to all kids grades 3 thru 6. Learn the specifics of bumping, passing, setting, serving, and learn how to play by the rules. Practices will begin in mid-September with games beginning in late September to early October. Games will be played on Saturday mornings.

Grades: 3 thru 6

Fee: \$40.00

Location: TBA

Registration Deadline: September 8th

See registration form on back.

New and returning coaches must submit a 2006 Coaching Application.

Applications are available at City Hall.



Adult 4 on 4 Flag Football

4 on 4 Flag Football is a fun and exciting league for all football fans. Games are played on a 60-yard field and have a 40-minute time limit. Teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until league or tournament is full.

Teams must have same color shirts and wear mouthpieces. All games will be played at the Gardner Westside Sports Complex.

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Start Date: September 20th

Awards: 1st and 2nd Place

Registration Deadline: September 8th

League Fee: \$200.00



Adult Flag Football Fall Tournament

This tournament is for adults, 18 years and older. Teams must have the same color shirts and wear mouthpieces. Games will be played at the Westside Sports Complex. This is a double elimination tournament.

Date: October 7th

Awards: Based on Number of Entries

Entry Fee: \$100.00

Registration Deadline: October 3rd



Introduction to Tae Kwon Do

This 6-week class is a basic introduction to Tae-Kwon-Do which is the Korean martial art that promotes discipline, focus, self-control and physical fitness. Students will be introduced to self-defense techniques as well as kicks and punches. They will also learn traditional forms and customs.

Day of Week: Wednesday

Session I: September 13 to October 18

Session II: October 25 to November 29

Session III: January 3 to February 7

Session IV: February 14 to March 21

Session V: March 28 to May 2

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Age: 6 years and older

Intermediate Tae Kwon Do

This 6-week class is designed for those who have already taken Introduction to Tae Kwon Do (regardless of when they took the class). It is also open to anyone who has prior experience in Martial Arts. Students in this class will have the opportunity to continue their study of Martial Arts and move up the ranks towards a Black Belt, which should be the ultimate goal for all students.

Day of Week: Wednesday

Session I: September 13 to October 18

Session II: October 25 to November 29

Session III: January 3 to February 7

Session IV: February 14 to March 21

Session V: March 28 to May 2

Time: 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Age: 6 years and older

Location: Senior Citizen's Building

Fee: \$55 (per session)

Registration Deadline: The Friday Before Session Starts

Bands in the Park

Come out and enjoy classic rock music from our local, upris-ing band **Static 210** and other bands guaranteed to entertain any audience! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes and enjoy music for all ages at **NO CHARGE!** Lots of games and entertainment will be provided for the kids including a moonwalk and giant slide! Concessions will also be available to purchase food and drinks throughout the event. See you there!

Date: Saturday, September 16

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. *Specific schedule TBA*

Age: All

Fee: Free

Location: Cornerstone Park Amphitheatre



Adult Basketball Fall League

These two leagues are for men and women, 18 years and older. Teams must have the same color shirts with numbers. Games will be played at a gymnasium located in Gardner. Teams will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until leagues are full. Awards will go to 1st and 2nd place teams.

All leagues will consist of a minimum of 7 games.

League Fees: \$300

Fees must be paid before deadline, only one check, money order or cash payment for entire amount will be accepted.

Program	Start	Day/Time
Men's	Oct. 11	Wed. 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Women's	Oct. 9	Mon. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: September 29th

Adult Indoor Volleyball Fall League

Games will be played at a gymnasium located in Gardner. All leagues will consist of an 8 game minimum. Players must be 18 years and older. Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams at the end of the season.

All Leagues are "6 on 6"

League Fees: \$150

Fees must be paid before deadline, only one check, money order or cash payment for entire amount will be accepted.

Start Date: October 10

Day/Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: September 29th

Youth Basketball

The Gardner Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League is an instructional/recreational league open to all boys and girls grades 1 thru 6. Basic fundamentals and sportsmanship are stressed. Teams will practice twice a week and play games on Saturdays. Teams consist of 1st and 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade, and 5th and 6th grade, which are separated into boys and girls leagues. Practices will begin in late November, with games beginning early January.

Registration Opens September 25th

Grades: 1-6

Fee: \$45

Registration Deadline: October 27th.

Late registration will be accepted to fill up teams only, and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.

New and returning coaches must submit a 2006-2007 coaching application by October 20th.



Halloween Boo Bash

Fall is in the air and Gardner Parks and Recreation is holding our 9th Annual Halloween Boo Bash, one of our biggest and best parties of the year! Join us for ghastly games, spooktacular activities, tons of candy, door prizes, and our not-so-haunted haunted house. Ghosts and Goblins come dressed in your scariest, spookiest, silliest costumes!

Date: October 31, 2006

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: One Canned Food Item per Person Please

Location: Green Building

Johnson County Fair Grounds

Age: 12 and Under (*must be accompanied by an adult*)

No pre-registration is required for this event.



Lifeguards 2006

The Gardner Parks and Recreation Department Pool Staff would like to thank the community members for another great year at the Gardner Swimming Pool. We look forward to serving your swimming lesson and recreational needs in 2007. Be on the lookout for information on our classes, events and operating hours for the 2007 pool season!

For more information or to register online go to www.gardnerkansas.gov.

Gardner Parks and Recreation Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Work: _____ Emergency: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Credit Card Type:(circle one): Visa Mastercard Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Email: _____ Yes, please keep me informed via email regarding upcoming programs and special events. For information regarding our privacy policy in terms of use visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.

*When Applicable

Name of Participant/Team	S e x	A g e	Birthdate	Grade*	Program Title	Day/Time	T-shirt Size*	Fee

Total\$ _____

Note: Please keep a record of the dates and times of the programs you have enrolled in; confirmations are not sent.

Return completed with check or money order, payable to: Gardner Parks and Recreation

LIABILITY RELEASE: I, as a participant or legal guardian representing a minor participant agree to release the City of Gardner, its officers, employees and volunteers, from an and all liability for accidents, injuries, loss of and/or damage to my/our person or property that may arise out of my/our participation in/and our presence at the above activity(s). I/we understand the risks and possible dangers of participating in these activity(s). Also, I/we authorize the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participant while participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or the undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof. I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.



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I have read and understand the liability release and refund policy; Registration invalid without signature.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

City Project Updates

Gardner Public Safety Fire Station #2
Progress continues on the plans for construction for Gardner Public Safety Fire Station #2, located next to the water tower on 183rd Street. Advertisements have been published soliciting for qualified design builders. Once the design builders have submitted their qualifications, a company/team will be chosen for the project. The new station will open late 2007.

New Street Sweeper



The Public Works Street Division maintains 127 lane miles of roadway. Our street maintenance program sweeps residential streets twice a year and thoroughfares and downtown areas once a month. The Street Division recently purchased an Elgin Eagle mechanical broom street sweeper that has several features the previous sweeper did not have. This helps the City maintain streets free of debris and gravel.

Northside Lift Station Update

The Northside Lift Station, located north of 167th Street east of Gardner Road, is being built to replace the current North lift station at the southwest corner of Colleen Drive and Center Street. The current station is at capacity and cannot meet future demand. The construction

of the Northside Lift Station project began in May of this year and is scheduled to be completed in April of 2007. The construction is about 25% complete at this time.

Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant

The Hillsdale Water Treat Plant was initially constructed in 1997 as a 2 million gallon a day plant and is being expanded to produce 4 million gallons per day. Currently water is being produced at a rate of 3.1 million gallons per day (MGD), while process controls and instrumentation are fine tuned. Final completion of the entire project is scheduled for mid-September, allowing the plant to produce up to 4 MGD.

Kill Creek Water Tower Update

This new water tower is being constructed at 159th Street and Kill Creek Road. The new tower will increase water storage capacity and improve water pressure for City residents. Currently, the pedestal and dome on top of the pedestal are complete and stands at a height of 150 feet. Welding of the tank will begin in late September. Once the tank is constructed, the overall height of the Water Tower will be approximately 200 feet and have a capacity of 1 million gallons.



Community Calendar

City Offices closed on Monday, **September 4**, for Labor Day

City Council Meeting changed to Tuesday, **September 5** at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Gardner Museum Events
September

Vintage Fashion Review
October

Veteran's Tribute Exhibit
Call 856-4447 or
www.gardnerhistory.org

Neighborhood Park Parties
Winwood Park—**September 8**
Veterans Park—**September 15**
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
www.gardnerkansas.gov

The Gardner Chamber is hosting Candidate Debates on **September 13 and 15**
6:30 p.m. GEHS
www.gardnerchamber.com

Bands in the Park
September 16 5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Cornerstone Park
www.gardnerkansas.gov
Parks and Recreation Link

Halloween Boo Bash
October 31 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Fair Grounds/Green Building
www.gardnerkansas.gov
Parks and Recreation Link



National Fire Prevention Week—October 8-14, 2006

"Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat" is the message of this year's Fire Prevention Week. Here are some fast facts about home fires:

- Between 1999-2002, there were 114,000 reported home fires associated with cooking equipment on average per year, resulting in an annual 290 deaths and 4,380 injuries.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
- Three in 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen -- more than any other place in the home.
- Two out of three reported home cooking fires start with the range or stove.
- Electric ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fires, injuries and property damage, compared to gas ranges or stoves, but gas ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fire deaths.

For more information, visit NFPA's website at <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>



E-Mail Change for City



In February, Gardner introduced its new website - www.gardnerkansas.gov. During the transition period, City employees were able to receive e-mail with both the .com and the .gov extension. Since we have transitioned, the only way for City employees to receive e-mail is with the gov extension at the end of their e-mail address. If you are having trouble reaching City Hall employees via e-mail, check the address extension and make sure it is a .gov.

Hopefully you've had an opportunity to visit our new website. If not, please take a few minutes to look around. There's lots of information on what's happening in the City. We update our site frequently, so check back as we enhance our means of communication from the City to you!

Are You Cleaning Up and Cleaning Out for Fall?

Make note of the upcoming Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. The date is Saturday, October 21st, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are two locations: Johnson County Environmental's HHW Collection Facility (913) 715-6900 and Olathe's Municipal Service Center (913) 971-9311. This is open to all Johnson County Residents and only residential hazardous waste will be accepted. Appointments are required at both locations. To schedule an appointment, please call the number of the facility or make your appointment online for the Johnson County Environmental Department Site at <http://jced.jocogov.org>. For questions, please contact Kent Lage at kent.lage@jocogo.org or (913) 715-8333.

Schedule of Public Meetings **(120 E. Main Street)**

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
4th Monday, when needed

Planning Commission Regular Meetings

2nd Monday and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month,
the Wednesday following the
2nd Tuesday and the
4th Wednesday of the month
(All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Website Address

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